

CLAIMS

1. A composition suitable for use as a wash water additive in wash water in a vehicle wash which composition includes water and a micro-
5 organism.
2. A composition suitable for use as a detergent composition in a vehicle wash which composition includes a micro-organism and a detergent.
- 10 3. A composition as defined in Claim 2 which includes water.
4. A composition as defined in Claim 2 or Claim 3 which includes a preservative, an alkali metal halide, one or more surfactants, and/or a
15 dye.
5. A composition as defined in any one of the preceding Claims which includes from 1 to 10 weight % of a micro-organism, preferably from 3 to 8 weight % of a micro-organism, more preferably about 5 weight % of
20 a micro-organism.
6. A composition as defined in any one of the preceding Claims wherein the micro-organism is naturally occurring.
- 25 7. A composition as defined in any one of the preceding Claims wherein the micro-organism is capable of degrading oil, fat and/or organic material.
8. A method of operating a vehicle wash which includes means for
30 dispensing water, means for dispensing a detergent composition and optionally one or more vehicle washing devices, which method includes

providing a micro-organism in the detergent composition and/or in the wash water.

9. A method as defined in Claim 8 wherein the vehicle wash is for a
5 car, bus, lorry, caravan or train, preferably it is for a car or a bus.

10. A method as defined in Claim 8 or Claim 9 wherein the vehicle wash is operated automatically.

10 11. A method of reducing algae growth in a vehicle wash including means for supplying a detergent, means for supplying wash water and one or more vehicle washing devices, which method includes providing a micro-organism in the detergent composition and/or in the wash water.

15 12. A method of treating a vehicle wash with a micro-organism wherein the rate of treating is proportional to the rate of use of the vehicle wash which vehicle wash includes means for supplying wash water, means for supplying a detergent composition and one or more vehicle washing devices, wherein the method includes the step of
20 providing a micro-organism in the wash water and/or in the detergent composition.

13. Use of a micro-organism in a detergent composition and/or in wash water for use in a vehicle wash.